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SUBJECT: NATO DECLARATION

REF: USNATO 5266; STATE 211287

- 1. WE ARE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED IN NAC DECISION TO DEFER FOR TWO WEEKS FURTHER DISCUSSION ON NATO DECLARATION. AS POINTED OUT IN PARA. 4 OF STATE 211287, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO PRESS AHEAD WITH JOINT DRAFTING IN NAC/SPC ON THE NATO TEXT. ACCORDINGLY, YOU SHOULD APPROACH SYG LUNS, AND OTHER PERMREPS AS NECESSARY, INCLUDING DE ROSE, TO INDICATE THAT US ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO MAINTAINING DRAFTING MOMENTUM, AND THAT WE CANNOT RPT NOT ACCEPT DEFERRAL OF FURTHER EFFORTS UNTIL MID-NOVEMBER. WE BELIEVE NAC SHOULD RESUME WORK NEXT WEEK.
- 2. IN EXPLAINING OUR VIEW, YOU SHOULD STATE THAT WE
 (A) ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPMENT OF STRONG
 NATO TEXT, (B) WISH TO HAVE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO
 EXAMINE SPECIFIC DRAFTING PROPOSALS OF OTHERS, AND
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(C) WOULD DEEPLY REGRET PUBLIC IMPRESSION OF DILATORY ALLIED APPROACH THAT WOULD BE CONVEYED IF PRESS WERE TO LEARN THAT ALLIES WERE DEFERRING FURTHER DISCUSSION OF NATO TEXT.

- 3. WHILE WE ALSO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US-EC NINE TEXT, WE SEE NO NEED FOR FURTHER WORK ON NATO DRAFT TO AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS IN US-EC NINE CONTEXT. TO MAKE THE NATO EXERCISE CONTINGENT ON PROGRESS IN FURTHER US-EC NINE DISCUSSIONS, MOREOVER, WOULD ALSO CREATE UNFORTUNATE IMPRESSION THAT INADEQUATE ATTENTION WAS BEING GIVEN BY US AND EC NINE TO VIEWS OF OTHER ALLIES NOT PARTICIPATING IN US-EC NINE EXERCISE.
- 4. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT DEFERRAL OF DRAFTING WILL LEAVE UNTIL PERIOD JUST BEFORE MINISTERIAL MEETING TABLING BY OTHER ALLIES OF FURTHER SUGGESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO TEXT, WHICH WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR MINISTERS TO ADDRESS ON BASIS OF EFFECTIVE PRIOR STAFF WORK ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE IN THE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH THE DRAFT.
- 5. SPECIFICALLY, IN YOUR CONVERSATION WITH DE ROSE, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND FRENCH RATIONALE FOR PROCEEDING AT SO LEISURELY A PACE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF OUR EFFORTS TO SUPPORT GENERAL ALLIED ACCEPTANCE FOR FRENCH TEXT AS BASIS FOR DRAFTING.

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